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The first case occurred on the 12th instant, and the second from the 1st to the 6th instant. An unknown number of cases of plague have been returned in Tainan-Ken, Formosa, of which the mortality numbered 9 between the 2d and 27th ultimo.

The steamship *Obi*, which arrived here from Java on the 10th instant, and belongs to the Mitusi Bussan-Kwaisha, Tokyo, was immediately dispatched to the quarantine station to be disinfected for five days, on account of a case of cholera having occurred on board while the vessel was in the port of Java.

In the center of Japan, neither plague nor cholera has been reported proper.

Respectfully, K. ROKKAKU, M. D.,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *October 1, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended September 28, 1901:

Thirty-three deaths are reported as the city's mortality for the week. There were 6 new cases of yellow fever and 2 deaths from the disease.

During the week 7 vessels were cleared for United States ports and given bills of health.

Two schooners, the *Nan. M. Dantzler* and the *Elenor*, both bound for Pascagoula, were not boarded for inspection, as they lay at too great a distance from the port. They discharged lumber outside of the harbor, rafting it to the beach.

I inclose the mortality report for the week.

Respectfully, D. E. DUDLEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Vera Cruz, Mexico—Mortality report for the week ended September 28, 1901.

Yellow fever	2	Tuberculosis	5
Enteritis	1	Pernicious malaria	2
Entero-colitis	2	Malarial fever	4
Gastro-enteritis	2	Total deaths from all causes	33

Report from Progreso—Yellow fever in Valladolid—Smallpox in Hunucma.

PROGRESO, MEXICO, *September 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended September 21:

In Progreso there were no cases or deaths reported from any contagious disease. There is considerable fever in the port, but it is a mild type of malarial.

Yellow fever is prevalent in many of the towns and villages of Yucatan, and is epidemic in the town of Valladolid and other points in the eastern part of the state, where the Mexican troops are stationed.

Chan Santa Cruz, a port on the eastern coast, has many cases of fever, and a commission of experts has been sent there by the Mexican Gov-

ernment to classify it. From reports received from there, I would imagine that it is yellow fever. This port is just above Belize, but I do not know whether there is any traffic between the two places.

In a village to the west of Progreso, between Progreso and Campeche, named Hunucma, smallpox is epidemic. There is little or no communication between that village and Progreso.

A few deaths are reported in Merida every week from yellow fever, and an occasional death is reported on the farms about the city.

Respectfully, S. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Tampico.

TAMPICO, MEXICO, *October 6, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions at this port for the four weeks ended September 30, 1901:

During this time 30 vessels were inspected and 1 vessel was disinfected.

No quarantinable diseases have existed here during this period. The rainy season is over and the general health of the city is exceptionally good.

Respectfully, V. B. GREGORY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *October 3, 1901.*

SIR: I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 3, 1901:

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 2. Prevailing disease, mild type of malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week remains very good. The 2 deaths noted above occurred in this port, viz, a a colored female, aged 43 years, from pulmonary tuberculosis, and a colored male, aged 8 years, from malarial fever. One inclosure, certificate, triplicate issued to vessel.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel: September 28, steamship *Utstein;* crew, 16; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully, WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.